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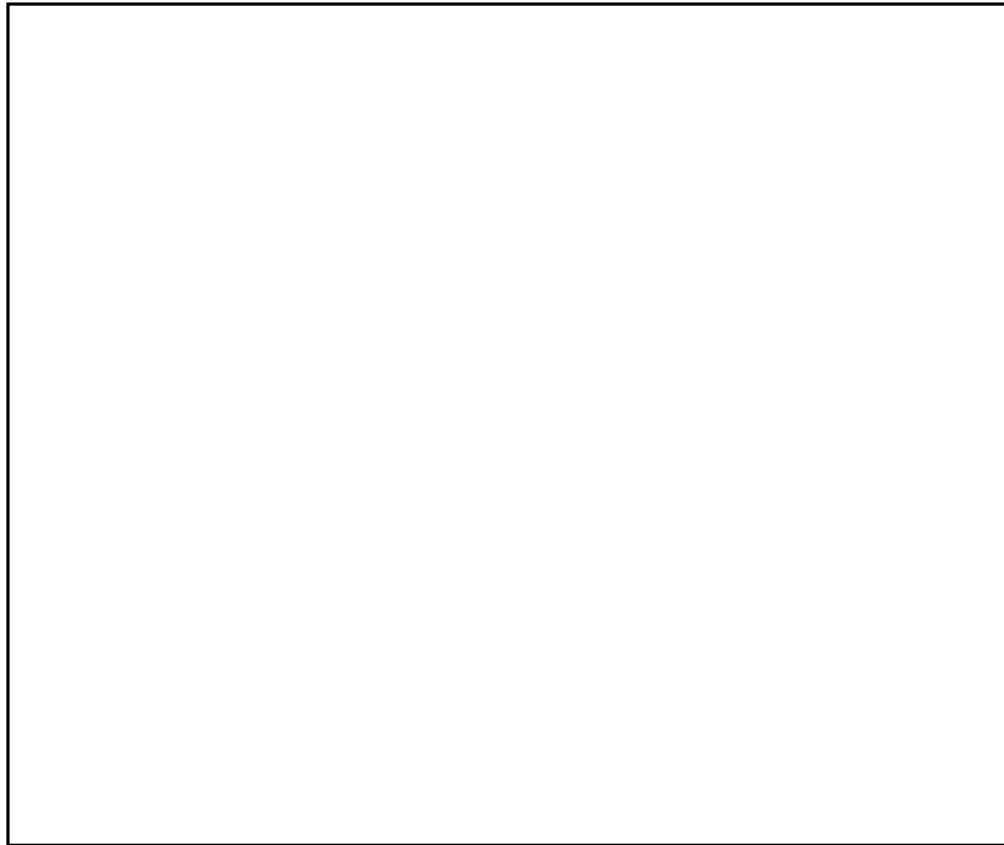
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1. SITUATION IN INDONESIA

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The central government of Indonesia and military leaders in the dissident provinces are continuing to strengthen their forces and there are no indications that either side has any intention of capitulating. Arrests of antigovernment civil and military personnel continue in Djakarta. The government stated on 12 May that it "cannot allow the existence of movements which endanger the unity of the state and the Indonesian people."

In East Indonesia, Lt. Col. Samual is said to have refused to relinquish his command as ordered by Sukarno, to have demanded the resignation of the cabinet and threatened to arrest any minister coming to his territory. His forces and those of Col. Sudirman, who commands a special task force in the area and is loyal to the central government, are about equal in strength and reportedly are in battle position.

Outstanding anti-Communist national leaders are reported either to be in Central Sumatra or planning to convene there soon. These include former vice president Hatta, Masjumi chairman Natsir, national chief of police Sukanto, and the sultan of Jogjakarta.

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3. SOVIET SUBMARINE APPARENTLY TESTS UNDERWATER DEFENSES OF BOSPORUS

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On 9 May the Turkish underwater magnetic detection system in the Black Sea approaches to the Bosphorus detected a "probable" submarine. Turkish naval units were able to hold sonar contact for about one hour, at which time the submarine returned to the deep water of the Black Sea.

Comment

An attempt by a Soviet submarine to reconnoiter the approaches to the Bosphorus would suggest that for war planning purposes the USSR is testing the feasibility of using the Turkish Straits in deploying submarines to or through the Mediterranean.

At the present time there are believed to be about 60 new long-range submarines in the Soviet Black Sea Fleet, many of which probably will ultimately be transferred to areas with access to the Atlantic or Pacific. Under terms of the Montreux Convention, Soviet submarines are not permitted to exit the Black Sea through the straits except singly by day on the surface for passage to repair yards. Detailed information of such passage must be provided the Turkish government in advance.

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